THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: I Kings 11:9—12:33. Devotional Reading: Psalm 95.

A Nation Splits

Lesson for May 24, 1959

FEW MEN have made so little out of so much, as the feckless kinglet named Rehoboam. He had everything to begin with: he came from the greatest family in his nation, he had wealth and power, he was the logical man for the throne. But he booted his own kingdom away with one single speech. It was one of the most foolish speeches on record anywhere. It would seem almost like a work of genius to make so many bloopers in a one-sentence address.

Dr. Foreman

But so it was. There stands Rehoboam, the leader who did not know how to lead; the leader deluded, the leader forsaken. And there went the kingdom which David had shed so much blood to build, the kingdom over which Solomon had reigned in all his glory—gone, gone for good. It was split once for all. It never grew together again. It is a perfect example of how bad leadership can split what should have been united. Wherever you find a split church, a split nation, you can count on it, some bad leadership is at the bottom of it.

Why the Prince Learned Nothing

One reason for Rehoboam's dismal failure was that he asked the right questions of the wrong people. Jeroboam, who had a right to ask questions, had asked one that stumped poor Rehoboam the very first thing. He does not seem to have thought about it before: What about taxes? The burden of taxation had been heavy in Solomon's time. What was to be his son's policy? Rehoboam asked the men of experience, and he didn't like their answer. So he tried the men of no experience, and he got just the kind of twaddle he liked to hear. How can a man be so wrong? And yet, isn't it true today that there are would-be leaders he said. What was one man against the nation? One Elijah for God: Jezebel and all Israel against God. Hopeless odds, Elijah thought.

The Invisible Army

How wrong can a prophet get? Elijah estimated the number of God's loyal people in all Palestine as One, namely himself. God's count made it seven thousand. Elijah, scared as he was, turned out to be only .00014 right, no very high figure! This is a mistake which many pioneers of faith have made. There are more people on God's side than you might think. Looking about us in our country today, seeing what crowds there are that believe silly and even wicked lies, how many people who will go out and vote for candidates who are plainly not on God's side or anywhere near it, how few people there are at church compared with the crowds (let us say) at the racetrack, how hard it is to put into action, anywhere, the most elementary Christian principles—looking at the American scene, the Christian is sometimes tempted to complete cynicism and despair.

He Had God

The prophet Elijah learned something else in his wilderness hideaway. He found God there, and God had something for him to do. Elijah had believed in God a long time; but he associated God with spectacular miracles, fire from heaven, rock-breaking winds, resurrections of the dead . . . Now he learns to know the God of the still small voice, the God who comes in the voice of duty. The three things God gave him to do were not miracles, they were very simple acts. But they were going to change the course of history, more than some of the miracles Elijah had before then performed. Now it is not true that any one can "have God" if he likes. But it is true that those whom God has, have God with them, by them, in them. The man or woman who goes faithfully about life's plain duties, who stands for what he knows to be right, no matter what, will discover that he is not alone. To listen to the voices of the crowds, to be an echo of common prejudices, is to hear within nothing but a dreadful silence and to stand alone in a waste place. But to hear that still small Voice, in spite of all the Jezebels of the world, even under threat of death is to know oneself never alone.

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Peggy Godsey
Times-Virginia Reporter for A. H. S.

F. B. L. A.

The May meeting of the Appomattox Chapter of the F. B. L. A. was held May 8. The president, Louise Wood, called the meeting to order. After the devotions, led by Nancy Godsey, the minutes of the past meeting were read and the roll was called. A committee was appointed to decide when and where the club can have a picnic, and they are to have a call meeting to bring their ideas before the club for approval.

Reporter: Pat Gilbert.

Honor Roll

The following A. H. S. honor roll has been announced:

Beamer, 12th grade: Walter Hancock, Jerry Harvey, Jack Henry, Jerry Martin, Glenn Morris, Ralph Pankey, Jack Tibbs, Ann Martin, Helen Martin, Virginia Megginson, Mary Edith Ranson, Frances Sanders, Emma Shelton, Louise Wood.

Gilbert, 12th grade: Frank L. Burke, Bobby Garrett, LaVerna Garrett, Clarence Grisham, Etta Beale, Eloise Bondurant, Ida Covington, Ann Cunningham, Barbara Gilliam, Peggy Godsey, Mary Anna McDearman.

Holland, 11th grade: Brian Thomas, Michael Srougi, Charles Shirey, Douglas Seamster, Myron Richardson, Peggy Wooldridge, Barbara Webber, Patsy Tolley, Linda Sarver, Rebecca Reynolds, Ruth Ranson.

Holley, 11th grade: Lyle Garrette, Margaret Higginbotham, Hazel Hammock, Nancy Evans, Charles Gills, Carolyn Jones, Patricia Gilbert, Audrey Evans, Sylvia Garrett, Nancy Godsey, Mildred Franklin.

Morris, 11th grade: Penny Abbitt, Sam Adams, Doris Baldwin, Jo Ann Beamer, Margaret Bragg, Emily Wood Burke, Nancy Christian, Carole Faye Couch.

Wilson, 11th grade: Russell Millner, Brod Pack, Jean Martin, Anne Martin, Percy Lucado.

Hudson, 10th grade: Billy Slagle, Larry Torrence, Robbie Lou Robertson, Kathryn Routon, Phyllis Thomas, Patsy Wilcox.

McClenney, 10th grade: Robert Garrette, Teddy Garrett, Donald Gurney, Howlette Hunter, Gerald Leffers, Dorothy Fowler, Elizabeth Godsey, Roberta Gunter, Barbara Lee.

Cheatham, 10th grade: Betty Alvis, Cary Carson, Harold Conner, Larry Bingham, Christine Dickerson, Thomas Ashworth, Harriett Carson.

Taylor, 10th grade: Jayne Martin, Eva Moore, Patricia Phelps, Eleanor Richardson.

Green, 9th grade: Richard Hamilton, Nancy Lewis, Lawrence Hamlett.

Butler, 9th grade: Catherine Richardson, Sandra Staten, Pat Thomas, Sandra Trent.

Chambers, 9th grade: Winifred Nash, Tom Maxwell, Joyce Moon, Mary K. Mitchell, Mildred Moore, Austin Pankey, Robert Morris.

Thomas, 9th grade: Joel Carnefix, Lawrence Beard, Harry Beale, Virginia Caldwell, Nancy Chandler, Calvin Ferguson.

Martin, 8th grade: Gaynelle Martin, Mary McClenny, Amy Moore, Joan Moses, Brenda Nash, Carolyn Page, Barbara Thomas, Joyce Tolley, Patricia Wells, Jacqueline Sarver.

McLean, 8th grade: Phyllis Jane Mayberry, Helen Mann, Nancy Jo Kidd, Mary Lou Jamerson, Alice Marvin, Ann Martin.

Bussen, 8th grade: Leon Cyrus, Elizabeth K. Evans, Suzanne Gills, John Harrison.

LeRoux, 8th grade: Kyle Almond, John Alvis, Marlene Barger, Hazel Almond, Judith Cocks.

Sr. Tri-Hi-Y

A regular meeting of the Senior Tri-Hi-Y was held Thursday, May 14. The meeting was called to order by the president, Ann Cunningham. Barbara Gilliam, chaplain, had charge of the devotions. The minutes were read by the secretary, Frances Sanders.

The new officers for next year were elected. They are:

President, Ruth Ranson
Vice-pres., Linda Sue Hunter
Secretary, Linda Sarver
Treasurer, Eleanor Richardson
Reporter, Robbie Lou Robertson
Historian, Jane Martin.

Linda Sue Hunter had charge of the program.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What happens to the gas in us when we board a passenger airliner and ascend to five or ten thousand feet?

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[illegible], May 19.- Rev. and [illegible] Hudson and family, [illegible] Richmond, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. [illegible] and family on Sunday. [illegible] preached at the Baptist Church here Sunday evening.

J. K. Hamilton and sons, [illegible] and Donald; Mr. James [illegible]son, Jimmy; Mr. Jack [illegible] and son, Steve, went on a [illegible] trip and attended Armed [illegible] Day in Norfolk Saturday.

[illegible] Bible School was held [illegible] Methodist Church here last [illegible] with good attendance.

[illegible] and Mrs. C. J. Paulette visited [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin [illegible] family Friday.

[illegible] R. J. Paulette was dinner [illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. W .C. Gar[illegible] Sunday evening.

[illegible] guests of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Woodbridge and family on [illegible] were Mr. and Mrs. Otis [illegible] and son, Reginald, of Farm[illegible]ington was a celebration of [illegible]Hamilton's birthday.

[illegible] Doris Clapp, of Longwood [illegible] spent the week-end with [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Jay [illegible]

[illegible] R. R. Paulette is spending [illegible] at Keene, New Hamp[illegible] with her son and daughter[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Leon Paulette [illegible]

[illegible] and Mrs. J. E .Greene, of [illegible] called on friends here [illegible]

[illegible] H. G. Basham, of Lynch[illegible] last week with her sis[illegible] Ethel C. Paulette.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, May 19.- Fourteen of Mrs. Robert Harris' music pupils presented a varied recital, on Friday evening in the Pamplin Elementary School auditorium .

James Hall, Spanish teacher in Appomattox High School, delighted the audience with two solos, "Yaya Con Dios" and "Sing Me to Sleep." He has studied with Mrs. Harris for several years.

On the program was a new composer, young Rubye Richardson. With seeming delight, her fingers rippled over the keys and "Blue Pamplin Blues," floated out. This sprightly composition was "blue" only in name.

Mrs. Harris beamed when a very young student, Beth Massey, played the piano accompaniment for the group singing of "Juanita."

Mary McClenny and Charlene Ranson sang the duet, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Love," as if they meant it.

Susan Williams, Wanda Price and Beth Massey sang, "The Robin" in perfect unison.

Other participants were Patsy Farrar, Mary Libby Tolley, Jean Faye Baldwin, Lucy Williams, Anne Martin and Myron Richardson.

Old fashioned quilting parties are coming back into vogue. One day last week Mrs. Walter Bryant, of Cullen, had eight ladies for a quilting and a mid-day dinner. That was an all-day happy meeting of chatting and sewing of two quilts. Beautifully patterned quilts are being used instead of counterpanes, especially on handsome old beds.

The Pioneers of Walker's Presbyterian Church will honor Mr. Wilbur Maxwell and Mr. Bill Crumplin, the new assistant pastor, with a social hour next Sunday, that will begin at 7:30 P. M.

The congregation and all friends are cordially invited.

Mrs. Jim Taylor was taken to the Lynchburg General Hospital for treatment on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ernest Carson continues to improve.

Mrs. Hunter Baldwin is back at work after a bout with a cold.

Vera

Vera, May 19.- "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile." -Psalms 34-1.

We are surely having cold weather for May.

Mr. T. C. Harvey, Sr., has returned home from the hospital, feeling much better.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Thursday were Mr. Richard Webb, Mr. David Lee Smith, Mr. Walker Webb, and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. Willie Woodson, Mr. Bud Carter, Mr. Jimmie Drinkard, Mr. Frank Gilliam, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harvey, Debbie and Becky, Mr .and Mrs .Richard Carson and Sylvia and Miss Marguerete Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. Jud Kinney.

We certainly had a big rain on Sunday night. No storm.

Mr. and Mrs .Lawrence Hatcher are now back at their home. We hope that Mr. Hatcher will soon be better.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Holmes Marks. She was formerly Fannie Megginson. We extend sympathy to her family.

PAMPLIN R. F. D. 1

A Mother's Day dinner was held given in honor of Mrs .Sam M. Baldwin at the home of Mrs. Clarence Webber. Those present were: Mrs. Katie Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis and children, all of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Baldwin and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. T .Cyrus and children, all of Lynchburg; Mrs. Edna Mitchell and son, Donnie, of Pamplin. Others present were Mr. Sam M. Baldwin and daughters, Doris and Jackie Baldwin, also all of Pamplin. The honored guest received many nice gifts.

Appomattox is a growing town.

PAMPLIN, R. F. D. ONE

Jackie Baldwin was rushed to the Lynchburg General Hospital on Sunday night and underwent an operation for appendicits. She is improving nicely, and expects to be home Friday or Saturday.

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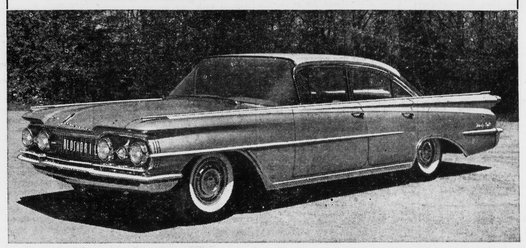

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